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REMARKS

In response to the unity requirement, applicants select Group I (claims 1-7, 9-12, 14, 15, 17-19 and 21-23) with traverse.

The constipation-dissolving property of the composition is a special technical feature which links the 3 groups. Also, note that the claims of Group II are dependent on the claims of Group I. Withdrawal of the requirement is respectfully requested.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants select glycerol as the polyvalent alcohol and lidocaine as the active agent with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that the observation that the various species are different from one another is insufficient and would be true whenever there is more than one possibility. Withdrawal of the election requirement is respectfully requested.

All claims read on the elected species.

In view of the above response, the early consideration and allowance of the pending application is respectfully requested.

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